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SUBJECT: TET CEASE FIRE

1. GEN AL WESTMORELAND AND I SAW THIEU THIS EVENING, EXPLAINED IN DETAIL THE SERIOUS SITUATION DEVELOPING IN I CORPS AND PROPOSED THAT WE PROCEED ALONG LINES MENTIONED IN YOUR 104215. THIEU AGREED THAT CEASE FIRE SHOULD NOT APPLY IN I CORPS AREA AND WITH OUR PROPOSAL TO CONTINUE BOMBING AGAINST SUPPLY ROUTES IN NVN SOUTH OF VINH.

2. HE SUGGESTED, AND WE AGREED, THAT APPROPRIATE PROCEDURE WOULD BE TO REQUEST AMBASSADORS OF TROOP CONTRIBUTING

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COUNTRIES THE NIGHT OF 28TH TO MEET TOGETHER MORNING OF 29TH AND EXPLAIN TO THEM REASONS FOR PROPOSED ACTION AND THAT ANNOUNCEMENT SHOUDL BE MADE AT NOON 29TH. WE WILL SEND DRAFT OF SUGGESTED ANNOUNCEMENT TOMORROW MORNING.
BUNKER

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